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To prohibit United States assistance to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia until the Ethiopian Government returns all property of United States citizens and entities that has been nationalized, expropriated, or otherwise seized by the Ethiopian Government in contravention of international law, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2005

Mr. ROHRABACHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the American Property
3 Claims Against Ethiopia Act of 2005.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON BILATERAL ASSISTANCE FOR**
5 **ETHIOPIA.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding section 592 of
7 the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related
8 Programs Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–
9 447) or any other provision of law, United States assist-
10 ance may not be provided to the Federal Democratic Re-
11 public of Ethiopia unless and until the President transmits
12 to Congress a certification that the Government of Ethi-
13 opia has taken appropriate steps in accordance with inter-
14 national law—

15 (1) to return to United States citizens, and to
16 entities not less than 50 percent beneficially owned
17 by United States citizens, property of such citizens
18 and entities that has been nationalized, expropriated,
19 or otherwise seized by the Ethiopian Government be-
20 fore the date of the enactment of this Act in con-
21 travention of international law; or

22 (2) to provide equitable compensation to such
23 citizens and entities for such nationalized, expropri-
24 ated, or seized property.

1 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “United
2 States assistance” means assistance under any provision
3 of law—

4 (1) including—

5 (A) assistance under the Foreign Assist-
6 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.), in-
7 cluding assistance under title IV of chapter 2 of
8 part I of such Act (relating to the Overseas Pri-
9 vate Investment Corporation) and assistance
10 under chapter 4 of part II of such Act (relating
11 to the Economic Support Fund);

12 (B) assistance under the Millennium Chal-
13 lenge Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.);

14 (C) sales, or financing on any terms, under
15 the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751
16 et seq.), including assistance under section 23
17 of such Act (relating to the “Foreign Military
18 Financing” program);

19 (D) financing under the Export-Import
20 Bank Act of 1945 (12 U.S.C. 635 et seq.); and

21 (E) contributions to the Global Fund to
22 Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; and

23 (2) other than—

24 (A) assistance to meet humanitarian needs,
25 including needs for food, medicine, medical sup-

1 plies and equipment, education, and clothing;
2 and

3 (B) assistance for disaster relief , including
4 assistance under chapter 9 of part I of the For-
5 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2292 et
6 seq.).

7 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT TO OPPOSE MULTILATERAL ASSIST-**
8 **ANCE FOR ETHIOPIA.**

9 The Secretary of the Treasury shall instruct the
10 United States executive director to each appropriate inter-
11 national financial institution in which the United States
12 participates, to oppose, and vote against the extension by
13 such institution of any loan or financial or technical assist-
14 ance to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia until
15 such time as the President transmits to Congress a certifi-
16 cation pursuant to section 2(a).

17 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

18 The President shall transmit to Congress an annual
19 report on the implementation of this Act. Each such re-
20 port shall include a detailed description of all claims that
21 are outstanding during the preceding year by United
22 States citizens and entities described in section 2(a) for
23 property nationalized, expropriated, or otherwise seized by
24 the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of

- 1 Ethiopia before the date of the enactment of this Act in
- 2 contravention of international law.

